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SUBJECT: SALINITY: VISIT OF FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA CALLED ME MONDAY MORNING TO REPORT ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON FROM WHICH HE RETURNED SUNDAY. WITH REGARD TO THE SALINITY TALKS HE SAID THAT SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ALTHOUGH NO SETTLEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED. NEVERTHELESS HE BELIEVED THAT PRESS HERE HAD BEEN MUCH TOO NEGATIVE ON THE TALKS. HE ADDED HE WAS CONSIDERING MAKING A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON SALINITY AND HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON THAT WOULD BE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC.

2. RABASA SAID HE KNEW ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS WOULD BE NECESSARY AND SAID HE PRESUMED THESE WOULD BE HELD HERE IN AUGUST AFTER BROWNELL'S RETURN FROM EUROPE. HE SAID THIS WOULD BE NEEDED TO IRON OUT FINAL DETAILS AND ADDED HE HOPED THAT THOSE CONCERNED WITH THIS SUBJECT IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE CONTINUING TO WORK ON THE PROBLEM. I REPLIED I WAS SURE THIS WOULD BE THE CASE.

3. FOREIGN SECRETARY CONCLUDED THAT HE WAS SEEING PRESIDENT TO BRIEF HIM SOON AND THEN WOULD ASK ME TO CALL ON HIM TO DISCUSS WHERE WE STOOD NOW AND WHAT THE NEXT STEPS SHOULD BE.

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4. COMMENT: I WOULD NATURALLY APPRECIATE ANY VIEWS WHICH DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH TO PASS ALONG TO RABASA PRIOR TO MY NEXT APPOINTMENT WITH HIM ESPECIALLY IF ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS HAVE OCCURRED TO THOSE IN WASHINGTON SINCE TALKS WITH RABASA ON JULY 6 AND 9.

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